

STATEMENT OF INTENT
Between the United Nations Development Programme and
State of California

This Statement of Intent is established between the United Nations Development Programme (“UNDP”), a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, an intergovernmental organization established by its Member States, and the State of California (hereinafter “California”). UNDP and California are hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties.”

UNDP serves in many respects as the operational arm of the United Nations at the country level and works with partners in numerous countries to promote sustainable development, eradication of poverty, advancement of women, good governance and the rule of law.

UNDP, represented by the Bureau for Development Policy, is interested in enhancing its development activities in climate change at the sub-national level.

California is the first mover in the United States with direct and statutory action to tackle climate change and a full complement of programs addressing every level of the state’s economy and government. California is the national leader in green jobs and clean technology, and leads both in renewable energy use and energy efficiency. The state has built a solid foundation of regulatory agencies, research centers and public-private sector cooperation. California is also on the cutting edge of environmental policy as a leader on strategies to reduce climate change and create a sustainable economy.

The Parties wish to cooperate in areas of mutual concern to enhance the effectiveness of their development efforts, in particular with respect to reducing the negative impacts of climate change. The Parties recognize that climate change will require an unprecedented level of collaboration and cooperation among all levels of government around the world and that to solve climate change, regional governments, including federated states and provinces, must incorporate the global dimension into their existing strategies and actions.

California has expressed its commitments to tackling climate change at the sub-national level and wishes to work with UNDP in carrying out projects in the framework of the Territorial Approach to Climate Change to assist sub-national governments in developing countries, and more specifically in Africa, to advance low-carbon development strategies.

On the occasion of the second Governors’ Global Climate Summit in Los Angeles, California, on 2 October 2009, UNDP and California agree to work together in the future to address climate change. The Parties will explore possibilities to enter into a future Memorandum of Understanding in order to establish their partnership.

The Parties recognize that this statement is strictly limited to the scope described here above and does not entail any further commitments on either Parties.

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